

PAWS 2 DANCE GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2008

In Attendance: Gail Walsh Annette Granbois Marilyn Knipp Lydia Francescutti
Jean Dawson Ann Reiland Vickie Phillips Lin MacDonald
Jan Hodge Joan Strick

President's report - Gail

New members Welcome.

Banner update: Gail hopes to have it ready for April competition.

Web Site: Nick has been working on site. Check it out!

Club T-shirts: Are club members interested in creating new logo and printing new T-shirts

Discussion: agreed that we should pursue this.

Vice president's report - Annette

 Nothing to report.

Secretary's report - Lydia

Correspondence: Thank you letter and certificate received from Surrey SPCA for supporting their **Paws for a Cause** walk.

Supporting a cause: Emerald City support Old Dog Haven. Would we like to find a charity to support?

Supporting a charity would be not only good PR but a "feel good" thing to do.

Moved (Francescutti/Knipp) to support SAINTS.

Passed Unanimously

Ann will contact SAINTS and report back to us.

New ring gating: The rings Joan designed and built for us have been awesome. Moving them around is not so easy. At recent events in Washington, organizers had light-weight plastic gating that collapsed in minutes and fit neatly into large Rubber-Maid-type containers. This gating would not pack up smaller than our current gating. Now that we have a bit of money, is new gating something we would consider - perhaps just two sides - at the entrance corner. Should we investigate cost?

Discussion: Let's investigate. Gail will see Carolyn in a couple weeks.

Logo: Gail found the dancing dog and I designed the ring and notes around it years ago. It strikes us now as a little too cartoony for what our club does. Should we design another logo - perhaps keeping the rings but having a more elegant design inside - a stylized handler with dog? We could look through our photo collection, find a pose that is elegant and have it stylized.

Discussion: Check out possibilities. Joan will talk to someone re. cost of t-shirt printing.

Newsletter: what else would we like to see in it? Remember to send items on "Most memorable moments" and warming up for a performance.

Discussion: Keep going as is.

Treasure's report - Marilyn

Balance - \$1800.44

Insurance: \$285 a year. Covers members - so keeping membership up-to-date is important.

Recent Purchases: 2nd-hand professional quality amplifier with microphone..

Future purchases: 2 Discman to take along to demos to attach to amp, a second speaker, a wagon/dolly.

Lin suggests a Lee Valley model (\$90) Annette will investigate. An extension cord. We might have an extension cord. Ann may have it in her garage.

Gating (gradually to replace Joan's gating).

Larger changing tent. Gail will investigate (maybe a little later).

Dues due in May. Marilyn will put out an APB in April.

Demonstrations - Vickie, Annette

Upcoming Events:

Fun Match, Alice McKay: March 22 (\$121.43) Participants pay \$10 for 10 minutes (could split in half) Everything set up as a regular competition. No judging. Can train in ring.

Pet Expo at TradeX: March 29, 30. So far, Annette, Gail, Lydia, Ann, Vickie, Marilyn. Jean.

Whistler Dog Fest: April 19, 20. They will put us up again. (Annette, Lydia, Gail, Ann, Jan, Jean - maybe, Marilyn - maybe.)

Cloverdale Rodeo: May long weekend. 16 - 19. We need to decide if we want to perform 1 x each day (4 days, or 2 x 2 days) Will be some form of payment. 1-Sat; 1-Sun; 2-Mon.

Prancing Paws Competition: April 26, Alice McKay Building, Cloverdale.

SPCA: first weekend in September.

TradeX: Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers - Oct. 23 - 26. Marilyn will check dates.

Horse Dressage Meeting: people want us to do a demo. Marilyn will investigate.
Janice Gunn has invited Paws 2 Dance to do a 2-hour presentation at her summer camp. 1:15 of demo and 45 mins of instruction. She would donate either a \$75 green mat or some comparable amount. Aug. 9. We wouldn't be able to use the mats.
Country Fair in Campbell Valley: Annette will contact.
Mission Children's Festival: Gail will ask
Bear Creek Children's Festival: Vickie will ask.

Judging clinic - Lydia

We need a clinic to refresh judges and to train new judges both for musical freestyle and dressage.
Proposal - meet at Annette's (or somewhere) one afternoon or evening when Ray can attend. Use some of Gail's freestyle videos.

Discussion: Agreed that we require a clinic.

Dressage rules - Ray or Lydia

After much discussion, we have drafted criteria for Dressage. (See attachment)
Briefly: 3 levels at Novice (on leash); 3 at Intermediate (off leash) and 2 at Advanced.
Logical progression of required movements. Suggestions for choreography and variety of elements.
Need only one leg to pass each level. Small ribbons for each level passed. 1st, 2nd, 3rd rosettes for each "big" level at competition. (Novice, Intermediate, Advanced)

Discussion: Seems logical.

Dressage Judging - Lydia

I've designed a score sheet based on performance standards which should be easy for the judges and informative for competitors. (see attachment) Briefly, each component (Heeling, Choreography, dog attitude and workability, Handler style, Required Criteria) is evaluated on a 5-point scale (half-points) as well. Each point on the scale has a performance standard described. Each component is then weighted. For example, Heeling x5 = 25. Handler style x2 = 10. Judges can circle aspects of each component to determine score. E.g. if some aspects 4 and some 3, judges could award a 3.5. This is quite a departure from previous judging, and is based on how teachers are being encouraged to mark - seems complicated but makes life easier.

Discussion: Looks comprehensive and workable. Bottom part is a little tough to see. Make up separate novice, intermediate, and advanced score sheets.

April 26 competition - Vickie

Photographer - Nick will do it. He'll do trial run at Pet Expo.

Raffle table - Annette. We have three baskets. Crate blankets. Does not have to be dog stuff.

If any members have something to donate, let Annette know.

Heather Somers has volunteered to make and donate sand-blasted gifts of our logo. We don't have a logo at the moment so we'll take a rain check for now. Thank you, Heather, for your offer.

Kite demo by Tristan at intermission.

We have building 8 - 4.

Budget: \$850 but this does not include prizes.

Judges: \$75 each.

Flyer: add "free parking." Change children's admission to \$1. e-mail copy to all members.

Competition committees and Check List

Please look them over so you are familiar with them. Please think about where you might like to help out.

Show Chair: Vickie

- the main liaison contact for the show site personal.
- Confirm site, lighting, seating, crating area, warm up ring, potty area and tables.
- responsible for making sure the cost of trophies, ribbons, master's division money awards, certificates, facility rental, programs, judges' expenses and any other show expenses are paid.
- place area specific signs in and around venue
- make arrangements for a photographer, post show to the freestyle list
- obtain a music license if needed

Show Committee Assistant - Gail

- to assist the show chair over see all committees,
- get floats from the treasurer for the ticket seller, merchandise sales, and raffle seller
- book the restaurant for the after competition meal and send out information on how to get to the restaurant
- ensure music system (stereo, microphone and extension cords) is taken to the show site in good

working order and removed after the competition

Music Person -

- do sound check (here is where competitors can ask for specific modifications)
- play the music at the competition

Video Person -

- video routines

Registrar - Jean

- Sign contestants in and give them a welcome bag (if they are being handed out) and program.
- collect two pieces of music from each contestant then label the music in order of the lineup and give it to the music person.
- signs competitors up for dinner

Premium List (competition entry form) Gail

- update old premium list for new competition
- send finished copy to the web master

Show Secretary- Lydia

- after deadline of entries create lineup give schedule to program person and judges' liaison
- send confirmation or registration and lineup order to all competitors through e-mail along with
- instructions pertaining to the day of the competition

Judge Liaison - Lydia Assistant - Lin

- Prepare judges' score sheets, score-keepers sheets, and Timer's sheets

Awards - Sharon Lunde

- choose and acquire ribbons and prizes
- label all awards accordingly
- take them to the show and set up on a table for presentation
- remove and store any that are not used after the show

Programs and Participation Certificates - Joan

- make up show programs
- make up participation certificates and ensure they get to the show

Pre Show Flyers - Lydia

- make up show flyers
- make sure flyers get to local dog shows
- distribute to members making as many areas as possible of the lower mainland are covered

Volunteers

- recruit volunteers for the following areas:
- 1 timers - Jim?
- score keeper - Joan Strick
- score checker - Deborah Hampton
- two ring stewards - Jan and Lin
- announcer: Musical Freestyle - Ray? Dressage - Ana-Lisa?
- registration table - Jean
- door monitor (keep doors closed during routine)/admission - Kathy?
- doggie clean up -
 - makes sure a scooper, bags and bucket are in the appropriate area
 - remove the above items after competition

Judge Hospitality - Vickie

- supply refreshments for the judges during the show
- cheques to judges - Marilyn

Judges' Trainer and Recruiter - Ray

- train judges
- line up judges for the competition

Media Promoter - Bonnie?

- look into TV, radio coverage/interviews

- make sure club brochures and any items for sale are placed on the registration table on the day of the competition
- collect any items not used after the competition
- co-ordinate and monitor camera crew to avoid distractions for competitors

Ring and Matting Coordinator - Annette

- ensure ring and mats get to venue and back again to storage
- oversees the whole set up and take down of ring
- Everyone

C'est Tout!

